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Principal

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

October 20th, 2024

In our continued efforts to maintain safety in our schools, the Pleasant Valley School District is continuing the Run, Hide, Fight, safety protocol in the event of an active threat emergency.

The "Run, Hide, Fight" protocol is recommended by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Pennsylvania State Police, and others. The training is designed to provide everyone with the knowledge and skills needed to make a decision in the event of an emergency. The training will prepare everyone to continuously assess their situation and make decisions accordingly. If the threat is a distance away, everyone will be trained to carefully evacuate the building to a safe location. If the threat is near, everyone will be trained to hide, similar to the "lockdown" procedure used in the past and barricade themselves as safely as possible. If it is clear the threat is attempting to enter their room, everyone will be trained that it may be a necessity to defend themselves, if this is their only option. This new protocol will be modified for students based on age and will be presented in an age appropriate manner.

PVHS students will receive training and participate in a school-wide drill that will be held on October 30th.

Your understanding, support, and cooperation is critical as we take these precautionary safety actions on behalf of our students and employees. We look forward to the continued creation of a safe and secure environment for our students. If you have any further questions about this new safety protocol, please call 570-402-1000, extension 4003. Please understand the purpose of the letter is not to alarm anyone, but to keep you informed about how the Pleasant Valley School District is improving our school threat safety protocol.

Thank you,

Regards,

Mr. Brian Boylan

Principal